during the years 2001-02 to 2004-05 under the schemes of Post-Matric scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Post-Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes are as under:-

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the Scheme	2001-02 CentralAssistance Released	Spent	2002-03 CentraAssistancel ReleasedSpent		2003-04 CentralAssistance ReleasedSpent		2004-05 CentralAssistance ReleasedSpent	
Post Matric scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes	938.16	1131.66	674.44	375.75	677.57	649.70	999.49**	
Post Matric scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes	92.00	19.11	Nil	34.15	Nil	63.93	146.14**	

**The amount of Central assistance spent during 2004-05 by the State Government has not been received as yet.

Central Assistance under the above schemes are released on the basis of expenditure anticipated by the State Governments/UT Administrations in particular in a year. On receipt of actual expenditure figures the unspent balance, if any, is deducted from or excess expenditure incurred is paid as arrears in succeeding year's grant. Therefore, the question of lapse of funds does not rise.

Menace of beggers

†2737. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been unexpected increase in the number of beggers in the metropolitan cities particularly in Delhi in the recent years;

(b) if so, the efforts being made by Government to deal with this problem in effective manner; and

(c) the details of the efforts made by Government during the last five years to restrict and rehabilitate the beggars?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):(a) No authentic date is available to indicate the increase in number of beggers.

(b) and (c) Several State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have established institutions/rehabilitation homes for beggers where services like boarding, lodging, medical care, vocational training, counselling and guidance are provided for weaning them away from beggary and making them self-reliant. These institutions/homes exist, *inter-alia*, in four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has also initiated a scheme of stipend whereby the inmates taking part in vocational training and other activities are provided a fixed amount of money as an incentive, which also serves as seed capital for helping the released inmates in starting their own trade.

Financial assistance under integrated programme for street children

2738. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Non-Government Organisations which have been granted financial assistance by Government under the integrated programme for the street children during the last three years; State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the NGOs have not spent the grant judiciously and for the purpose it was allcoated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):(a) Information is available at Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's website [*www.socialjustice.nic.in*].

(b) No such information has been received so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.